
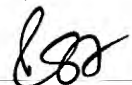


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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)  |                                     |                             |                                | Docket No.             |                          |
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| Applicant(s): Aoyagi et al.  |                                     |                             |                                | 112857-246             |                          |
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| Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM   |                                     |                             |                                |                        |                          |
| <b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>   |                                     |                             |                                |                        |                          |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |                                     |                             |                                |                        |                          |
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.